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Prices at the beginning of the week were mostly unchanged to lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to higher for medium and small. Throughout the week prices in Chicago and the Eastern region were higher for medium and mostly unchanged for the large sized eggs. The trade sentiment early in the week was about steady and finished the period steady to fully steady. Demand was fair to fairly good, best where retail features were planned or in progress. Supplies of the larger sizes were generally adequate and mediums were adequate to instances tight. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout the week. Schedules were at least full-time while many breakers attempted to build inventories. Finished product demand was good to very good. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	88-90	75-77	56-58
New York	51-53	48-51	36-39
Philadelphia	49-52	47-50	33-36
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	40-41	38.5-40	26-27
Jackson (1)	51-52	47-48	35-36
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	48-61	45-59	33-47
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	41-46	40-45	28-33
Detroit (2)	38-41	37-40	23-26
Major Ohio Cities (2)	39-44.5	38-43	24-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	42-46	40-47	27-34
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	56-58	53-56	39-41
California(Grade AA)(1)(3) 73	65	52	

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 8-Oct-99
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	53.30	50.92	35.20
SOUTHERN	50.58	48.66	32.87
MIDWEST	44.99	43.82	26.86
WESTERN	71.39	65.97	51.23
TWELVE METRO AREAS	57.72	54.55	38.87

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-12-99	10-05-99	10-13-98
Large	21-23	24-46	46-48
Medium	10-12	8-10	26-28

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Oct 11,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
			CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.8	8.8	4.0	11.6	9.0	41.2
	Change	0.4	0.1	-0.7	2.6	0.5	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.6	31.5	9.9	25.6	17.6	114.2
	Change	-2.1	-2.3	0.0	2.2	-0.4	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	49.6	68.2	55.7	57.7	84.1	315.3
	Change	1.0	-0.9	-3.1	-7.8	1.1	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.0	25.4	13.1	19.7	23.2	92.4
	Change	-4.0	-0.6	-0.8	-4.2	-0.3	-10%
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	5.0	2.2	5.5	5.4	22.2
	Change	-0.2	-1.3	-0.2	0.6	-2.3	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	20.7	10.2	10.4	4.3	50.2
	Change	0.2	0.5	2.0	2.0	-2.1	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	34.9	84.6	20.9	21.3	52.6	214.3
	Change	-3.1	5.3	1.9	0.8	0.9	3%
Total	Curr Wk	141.6	244.2	116.0	151.8	196.2	849.8
Percent	Change	-5%	0%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	849.8	-2%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	507.3	6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1357.1	1%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 09-OCT-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,218,404	27,251	12,272	6,428	2,420	3,916
PW	1,201,109	27,296	*11,476*	6,455	2,569	3,808
LY	1,087,162	26,225	9,781	5,321	2,129	3,353
% PW	1	0	7	0	-6	3
% LY	12	4	25	21	14	17
1999	44,422,199	1,030,901	*424,511*	231,386	103,299	140,520
1998	42,322,935	962,661	420,957	224,015	103,225	136,127

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 40.93 40.82 41.10

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 09-OCT-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS	LAST
		WEEK	YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	239.7	2	3
E.N. CENTRAL	480.8	1	13
W.N. CENTRAL	193.1	2	14
S. ATLANTIC	203.2	1	6
S. CENTRAL	75.1	0	-2
WEST	230.4	1	6
TOTAL	1,422.3	1	8
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		91	91

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	15 Selected States		in 15 Selected States	
	OCT 02	OCT 09	OCT 02	OCT 09
	Thousand			
AL	27,368	24,378	17,275	19,708
AR	29,130	28,245	23,065	21,970
DE	*4,322	4,040	*4,511	3,889
FL	2,665	2,554	1,951	2,444
GA	*31,614	30,322	*23,097	23,239
MD	*7,655	8,279	*5,318	6,029
MS	17,618	17,353	13,055	13,388
NC	16,452	15,836	*13,690	12,808
PA	3,261	3,086	2,479	2,658
SC	4,818	4,593	3,497	3,528
TX	13,265	13,118	9,886	10,342
VA	5,619	5,702	*5,170	4,470
CA, TN, & WV	10,620	10,020	9,931	8,270
15 State Total	*174,407	167,526	*132,925	132,743
Previous Year	173,841	170,494	132,286	130,951
Pct. of Prev.	100	98	100	101

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20-Nov-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 140.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 144.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 138.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 149.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 64.35 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 10/07/99-10/13/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	25.13	30.11	24.25	26.50	30.00	26.00	33.00
GNR W 2	—	—	25.00	—	28.00	30.75	9.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	24.00	26.00	5.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	19.00	—	1.50
GL W XL	—	33.00	31.60	33.78	31.94	31.75	15.00
GL W LG	28.00	30.67	31.10	32.80	32.36	32.00	12.75
GL W MD	—	24.00	19.92	21.00	25.25	—	6.50
GL W SM	—	—	14.00	15.50	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
NRBS - 48	18.50	28.00	—	26.00	24.50	21.40	35.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 09-OCT-99

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING		PW	PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.8	29.6		-6	-6
BOSTON	4.3	5.8		-26	-64
CHICAGO	42.5	52.1		-18	-9
DETROIT	31.2	27.3		14	-4
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1		0	0
LOS ANGELES	89.0	87.3		2	6
NEW ORLEANS	13.3	9.2		45	-9
NEW YORK	44.7	40.6		10	1
ST. LOUIS	15.1	15.5		-3	15
SAN FRANCISCO	21.2	21.4		-1	3
TOTAL	289.2	288.9		0	-2
4 WK MVG AVG	306.1				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 02-OCT-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,178	43	5,221
AVGWT	0.00	26.39	26.42	26.39
LAST WEEK	0	5,786	49	5,835
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,123	35	4,158
AVGWT	0.00	22.96(A)	24.63	22.98
TO-DATE/1999	55	188,632(A)	1,416	190,103
TO-DATE/1998	72	197,162(A)	1,466	198,700

(A) Includes 596,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 976,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 02-OCT-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
	HEAD	% CHG	WT				
NEAST	698	-43	22.86	(A)	(A)	699	22.87
SATL	1,127	84	27.75	(A)	(A)	1,143	27.70
N CENT	2,501	-2	27.64	(A)	(A)	2,508	27.64
S CENT	351	-58	19.52	NONE	NONE	351	19.52
WEST	501	-12	26.79	(A)	(A)	520	26.83
U.S.TOTAL	5,178 (B)	7	26.39	0	43	5,221	26.39
TO DATE							
1999	188,632 (B)			55	1,416	190,103	
TO DATE							
1998	197,162 (B)			72	1,466	198,700	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 14,000 for the year 596,000; last year to date 976,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 09-Oct-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

HEAD	153,081(A)	1,831	1,652	3,483	430
AVGWT	5.06	3.36	7.80	5.47	6.61
LAST WEEK	153,908	1,946	1,742	3,688	448
YR AGO	149,179	1,701	1,380	3,081	420
AVGWT	4.94	3.50	9.15	6.03	6.43
TO-DATE/1999	6,069,572	83,893	56,170	140,063	17,705
TO-DATE/1998	5,839,329	82,484	50,577	133,061	18,054

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.9 million head or 5.2 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Oct 16

	CURRENT WEEK 10/16/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/09/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	155,477(2)	154,056
LT HENS	1,684	1,859
HVY HENS	1,674	1,708
TOTAL	158,835	157,623

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Oct-99 is 148.5 million head compared to 151.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.4 million head or 8.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 23-Oct-99 the estimated available is 148.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 4	157.9	152.7	103	4.86
11	136.8	150.8	91	4.91
18	154.2	151.7	102	4.87
25	157.8	153.2	103	5.04
OCTOBER 2	155.8	151.8	103	4.94
9	154.9	149.7	103	5.06
YEAR TO DATE	6144.8	6093.2	101	
OCTOBER 16		148.5		
23		148.3		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
12-Oct-99	5-Oct-99	5-Oct-99	13-Oct-98
53.78	0.77	53.01	68.72
NUMBER OF LOADS	635		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 10/11-10/16/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	40.00-44.00	43.99	47	46.90	77
Los Angeles	64.00	63.08	57	60.53	115
New York	44.00-48.00	47.27	44	51.26	84

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	77-81	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-79	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	71-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-74	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 11-Oct-99	3,813	180,422	94,572
AM 1-Oct-99	4,146	183,153	95,290
CHG	-333	-2731	-718
PCT CHG	-8	-1	-1

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE

10/11/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	5.5-18(1)	7.75-14.5	11.06
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-19.5(1)	11-13	12.63

10/08/99

LIGHT TYPE

Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	TFEWR 2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0-.5(2)

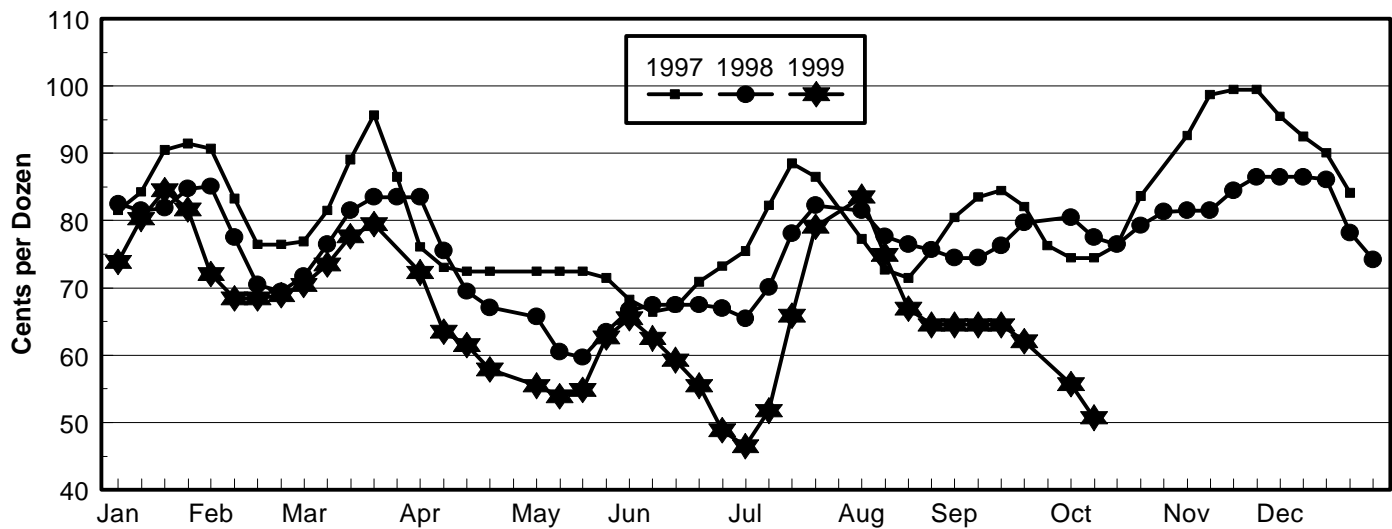
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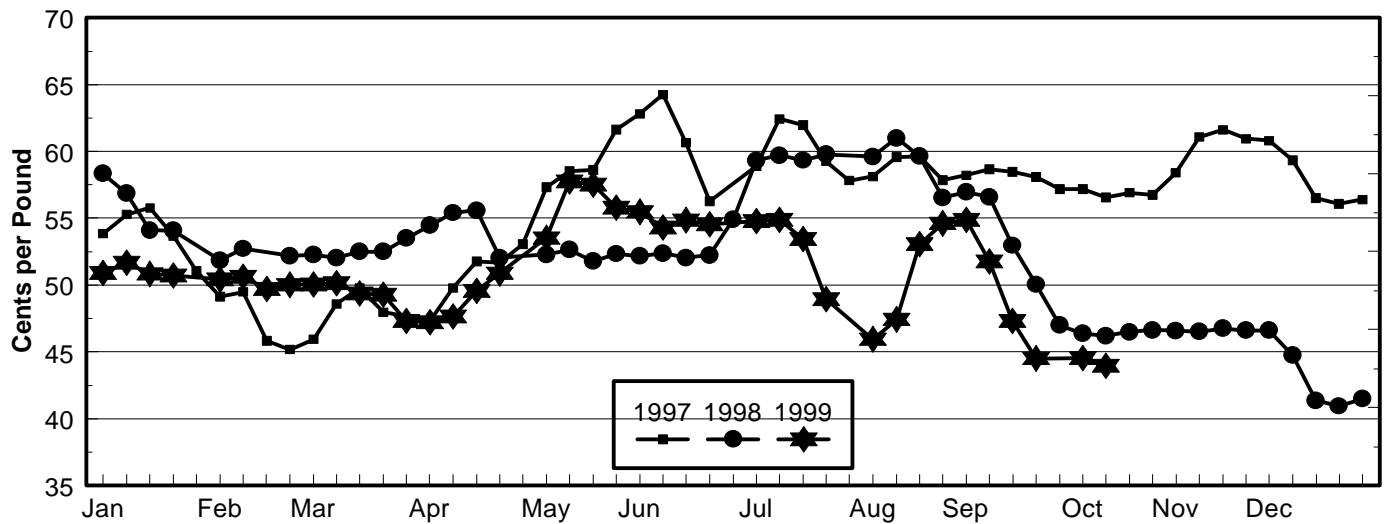
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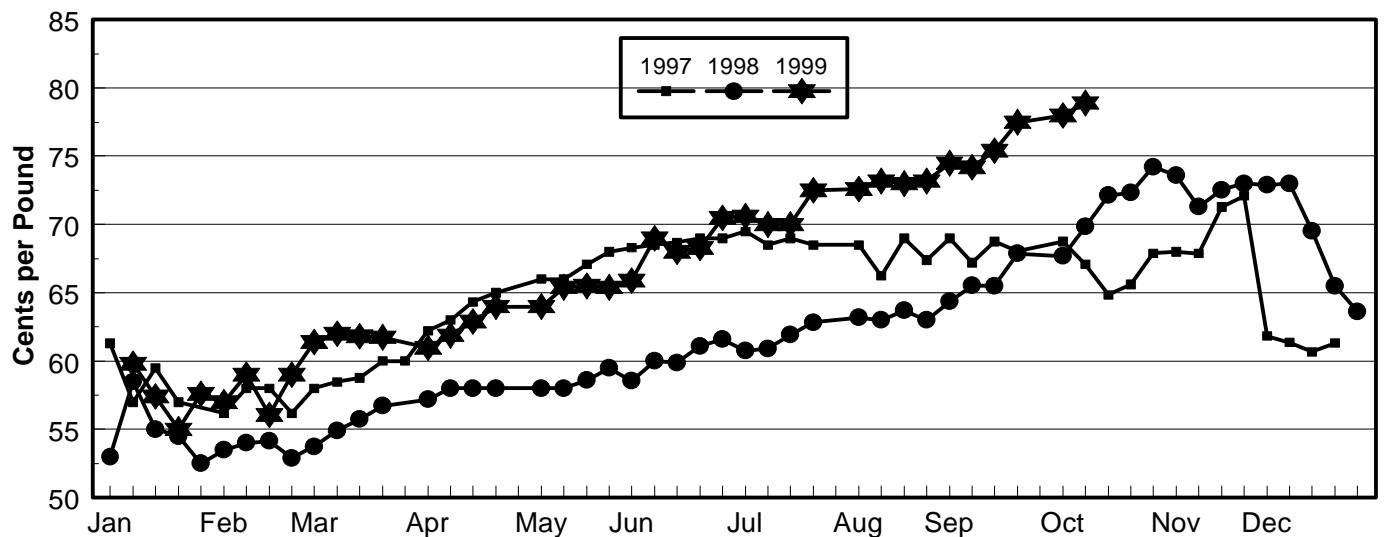
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.